

Torrance Schools to Get \$290,000 Federal Grant

A Torrance application for \$294,801.89 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 has received government approval, according to Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent for educational services.

In a letter received by the Torrance Unified School District from Wilson C. Riles, director of compensatory education for the State Department of Education, Sacramento, the district was granted authority to set up a four-fold program for children from low-income families.

The program will be aimed at educationally deprived youngsters in both public and private schools in areas having concentrations of low-income families.

PROJECTS to be financed by the grant include pre-school and parent education, remedial reading, bookmobile services, and vocational counseling. They will service students in the Carr Elementary, Fern - Greenwood Elementary, Flavian Elementary, Torrance Elementary, North High, and Torrance High School attendance areas.

The pre-school program will begin this summer for eligible youngsters who will be entering kindergarten in September. Emphasis will be on developing language skills. The program will attempt to provide opportunities for deprived youngsters to develop satisfactory relations with others, increase facility in thinking, and cultivate positive attitudes towards school attendance.

PARENTS OF the pre-schoolers will be invited to a series of six group parent education meetings as well as individual conferences. Study groups will focus upon needs of children as well as particular problems of parents, social human relations, health education, child growth and development, home management and nutrition, and community services.

Remedial reading instruction will be offered by specially trained teachers using new instructional media in small group classes at the five elementary schools in the program. Increased services and materials will be made available at the high schools involved and an itinerant teacher will be assigned to aid qualified students who reside in the project area but attend parochial schools.

A BOOKMOBILE will travel to each of the project areas and offer youngsters the opportunity to take home selected books and other library resources. Students will receive special professional help and guidance in selecting books and encouraged to gain reading experience with a variety of materials.

Counseling for students from low-income families who do not plan to go to college will provide guidance in finding a vocational goal consistent with their ability and particular talents. Counselors will supply teachers and students with information on job opportunities from the California Department of Employment, plan career day programs, and provide individual counseling. A vocational counselor will be added to the staff at Torrance High School and West High School.

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The AIMS Corp., with more than 1,700 affiliated real estate firms in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, announced the selection from its home office in St. Louis.

"AIMS and its affiliates are devoted to better methods of real estate marketing and offer the finest in professional real estate services," the announcement said.



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Crusade to Cite Most 'Generous'

United Crusade will honor its most generous givers at an awards luncheon Wednesday at the Hollywood Palladium, according to Hugo Riemer, president of United States Borax & Chemical Corp. and luncheon chairman.

Representatives of hundreds of corporations and employe groups are invited to receive plaques and awards they earned through outstanding gifts.

The Crusade received \$20,548,961 last fall for the support of United Way and American Red Cross services.

Those attending the luncheon will hear radio newsmen George Walsh interview Kimberly Dirner, 2, and her family for a better understanding of the work their money does.

The child is a patient at Children's Hospital — one of the United Way services. In extensive and repeated surgery for correction of a heart condition she has been receiving blood through the American Red Cross blood donor program.

ENGINEERS TO MEET Long range planning will be the topic of R. Carter Blankenburg when he speaks to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers here on Thursday.

Red Cross Seeks Twins For Research Project

Twenty-two sets of twins from this area who would be willing to contribute a small sample of their blood are needed by the Red Cross blood program to complete a research project on cholesterol and heart disease.

by heredity or environment. USC researchers asked Red Cross to assist in obtaining blood samples of 100 identical twins.

Dr. Phillip Sturgeon, Red Cross research director, says to date 78 sets of identical twins, from 10 years of age and up, have come to the blood center in Los Angeles to contribute small samples of their blood.

The oldest set of twins to participate have been 80-year-old Katie and Flora MacLean of Los Angeles.

A research team from the Red Cross blood program's regional laboratory will be stationed at the Long Beach Red Cross facility, 319 W. Broadway, for a week, beginning tomorrow to accommodate twins in this area and hopefully wind up the project begun last November in cooperation with the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

Twins wishing to help with the study are asked to call the Red Cross Research Laboratory at DU 4-5261, Ext. 444.

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